

Date: September 18, 2023

Kind of Meeting
Regular

Where Held
Superintendent's Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leon Steury, President

Kelly Brown, Vice President

Sherri Strock, Secretary

Craig Davis, Member

Phil Carpenter, Member

Richard Musser, Member

Matthew Snyder, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Shane Conwell, Superintendent

Dawn Mason, Business Manager

Luke Cooper, Principal - ABSENT

Brennen Kitchen, Principal

Orie Foster, Principal

Aaron Willard, Athletic Director

Kirsten Schwyn, Teacher

Becky Yoder, Teacher

Rod Laux, Maintenance

The Board of School Trustees of the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 18, 2023.

At 7:00 p.m., Leon Steury called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting were signed as presented.

Claims were approved and school board members signed the claim docket authorizing the validation of checks.

We have received the following resignations and one retirement:

- Kaitlyn Miller, Butler Elementary Custodian, resigned August 18, 2023
- Marissa Hartman, Eastside Student Supervisor, resigned August 30, 2023
- Patricia Burnett, Eastside Cafeteria, resigned September 1, 2023
- Alayna Hartke, Riverdale Bus Monitor, resigned August 21, 2023
- Chad Bounger, IMPACT Institute Maintenance, resigned August 16, 2023
- David Martin, NEISEC Occupational Therapist, retired August 7, 2023

Phil Carpenter moved to approve a leave request for Chandler Cook, Technology Director, to attend the 2023 RTM Fall CIO Congress, October 8-10, 2023, in Florida. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Brian Bohlender from Barton Coe Vilamaa provided the Board with updates to the Eastside Multipurpose Student Activity Center. Sherri Strock moved to approve the near final completed construction documents for the project prepared by Barton Coe Vilamaa and to authorize the Superintendent to approve any and all changes including any prequalification's of the bidders recommended by the Construction Manager as Constructor. These authorizations keep the project on pace for meeting deadlines by giving permission to advertise/publish the Notice to the Bidders in early October and receive bids early November. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

In March of 2022 the district pursued a multi-district litigation against electronic-cigarette and vaping manufacturers. The law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP, initiated the litigation and filed suit against any appropriate parties to compensate school districts for damages suffered by the district and its students as a result of the manufacture, marketing, sale and use of electronic-cigarettes and vaping products, and to seek any other appropriate relief. In March of 2023, the Board accepted a net recovery amount of \$23,011.62 against JUUL. The district has now reached another settlement against Altria/Phillip Morris for a net recovery of \$6,568.12. Once again this is an excellent outcome for the school district. Similar to the JUUL settlement, Altria's net recovery will help provide additional resources to address youth vaping and youth nicotine tobacco products and advance our education efforts and health initiatives about the dangers of, and to reduce, youth nicotine use. Craig Davis moved to accept the \$6,568.12 settlement. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Phil Carpenter moved to approve the 2024 Board Meeting dates. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

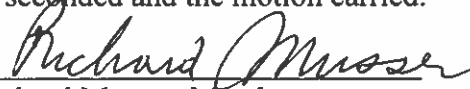
Jan 15---Feb 12---Mar 18---Apr 22---May 20---Jun 17---Jul 22---Aug 19---Sep 16
Oct 21---Nov 18---Dec 16

President Steury asked if anyone present would like to address the Board concerning the advertised budget. With no public comments or questions, the Budget Hearing was closed. The Budget Adoption is scheduled for next month's meeting. Following adoption, the budget will then be reviewed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

As an alternative to the National School Boards Association Conference, Phil Carpenter moved to approve attendance at the Consortium of State School Boards Association Conference from February 22-25, 2024 in Texas. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Having no further business to come before the board, Matt Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. This motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.



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